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11 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

12 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

13 TAYLOR SOMMER, individually;
14 TAYLOR SOMMER, as the Administrator of
15 the ESTATE OF REINER SHAWN
16 SOMMER, deceased,

17 Case Number:
18 2:23-cv-01682

19 Plaintiff,

20 vs.

21 CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA a political
22 subdivision of the State of Nevada; LAS
23 VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE
24 DEPARTMENT, a political subdivision of
the State of Nevada; KEVIN MCMAHILL,
individually and as a policy maker and Sheriff
of LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE
DEPARTMENT; SERGEANT GERALD
BAGAPORO, individually and in his official
capacity; SERGEANT JEFFREY BLUM,
individually and in his official capacity;
OFFICER ANDREW GARCIA, individually
and in his official capacity; OFFICER
JOSEPH ORTEGA, individually and in his
official capacity; DOE LAS VEGAS
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
SUPERVISORS I through X, inclusive and
ROE LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN
POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS XII
through XX, inclusive,

25 **DEFENDANTS LVMPD, SHERIFF**
KEVIN MCMAHILL, SGT.
BAGAPORO, SGT. BLUM, OFC.
GARCIA AND OFC. ORTEGA'S
MOTION FOR PARTIAL DISMISSAL

26 Defendants.

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1 Defendants Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (“LVMPD”), Sheriff Kevin
 2 McMahill, Sgt. Bagaporo, Sgt. Blum, Ofc. Garcia and Ofc. Ortega (“LVMPD Defendants”),
 3 by and through their attorney of record, Marquis Aurbach, hereby file their Motion for
 4 Summary Judgment. This Motion is made and based upon the Points & Authorities attached
 5 hereto and any oral argument allowed at the time of hearing.

6 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS & AUTHORITIES**

7 **I. INTRODUCTION**

8 This 42 U.S.C. § 1983 lawsuit involves the unfortunate in-custody death of Reiner
 9 Shawn Sommer (“Sommer”). On October 17, 2021, the LVMPD Defendants were called to
 10 a Walgreens’ bathroom because Sommer was in medical distress. The officers, after viewing
 11 Sommer for a significant period, decided to take Sommer into custody under a mental health
 12 hold. Sommer resisted the officers’ attempts to extract him from the bathroom. After
 13 Sommer was handcuffed and in custody, the officers noticed that he was unresponsive and
 14 obtained immediate medical care for him. Unfortunately, Sommer did not regain
 15 consciousness and passed away. Plaintiff alleges the officers asphyxiated Sommer.

16 On October 16, 2023, Sommer’s daughter, Taylor Sommer, both individually and as
 17 the representative of Sommer’s estate, filed suit. The lawsuit names the following
 18 defendants: City of Las Vegas, LVMPD, current-LVMPD Sheriff Kevin McMahill,
 19 LVMPD sergeant Gerald Bagaporo, LVMPD sergeant Jeffy Blum, LVMPD officer Andrew
 20 Garcia, and LVMPD officer Joseph Ortega. The Complaint alleged the following causes of
 21 action: (1) § 1983 Fourth Amendment excessive force (first cause of action); (2) § 1983
 22 Fourteenth Amendment deprivation of familial relationship (third cause of action); (3)
 23 *Monell*¹ claims against LVMPD (second, fourth, and fifth causes of action); (4) state law
 24 negligence (sixth cause of action); (5) state law intentional/negligent infliction of emotional
 25 distress (“IIED/NIED” (seventh cause of action); (6) state law wrongful death (eighth cause
 26 of action); (7) state law negligent supervision and training (ninth cause of action); (8) state

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 28 ¹ *Monell v. Dept. of Social Servs.*, 436 U.S. 658 (1978).

1 law battery (tenth cause of action); (9) violations of Article 1 Section 8 and 18 of the Nevada
 2 State Constitution (eleventh cause of action) and (10) attorneys' fees and costs (twelfth
 3 cause of action).

4 This Motion asks that the Court take the following action:

5 1. Dismiss Sheriff Kevin McMahill from the lawsuit because (a) he was not
 6 personally involved in the incident, (b) he was not Sheriff on the date of the incident; and (c)
 7 the official capacity claims against him are duplicative of the claims against LVMPD.

8 2. Dismiss the official capacity claims against each of the individually named
 9 defendants as the claims are duplicative of the claims against LVMPD.

10 3. Dismiss the *Monell* claims against LVMPD because Plaintiff has failed to
 11 plead sufficient facts supporting the claims.

12 4. Dismiss plaintiff's state-law negligent training and supervision claims
 13 pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.032.

14 **II. PLAINTIFF'S PLED FACTS**

15 **A. THE SUBJECT INCIDENT.**

16 On October 17, 2021, Sommer went to the Walgreens located at 6485 South Fort
 17 Apache Road in Las Vegas to fill a prescription. (Compl. at ¶36) While waiting for a
 18 prescription to be filled, Sommer began to experience a medical episode. (*Id.* at ¶¶38-39)
 19 Sommer "made his way" to a restroom where a store manager found him on the floor. (*Id.* at
 20 40) The manager requested medical assistance, and the Clark County Fire Department
 21 ("CCFD") responded and, in turn, contacted America Medical Response ("AMR"). (*Id.* at
 22 41-43) Sommer's speech became "confusing and non-sensical", he dislodged the toilet from
 23 the floor, and he began scooping toilet water into his mouth. (*Id.* at ¶¶41-43) As a result,
 24 CCFD called LVMPD for assistance. (*Id.* at ¶43)

25 Sergeant Bagapor and Sergeant Blum responded to the Walgreens. (*Id.* at ¶48) The
 26 sergeants obtained information from witnesses and attempted to communicate with Sommer
 27 and get him to voluntarily exit the bathroom. (*Id.* at ¶49) The officers concluded Sommer
 28 "was in the midst of a medical crisis" and made a plan to take Sommer "into custody on the

1 basis of either a trespass or a Legal 2000².” (*Id.* at 52) When Sommer refused to voluntarily
2 exit and began to scoop toilet water into his mouth, Sergeant Bagaporro and Officer Garcia
3 entered the room and attempted to handcuff Sommers. (*Id.* at ¶¶54, 57-60) Sommers resisted
4 the officers’ handcuffing attempts for several minutes. After completing handcuffing, the
5 officers noted Sommer was “turning purple”, removed his handcuffs, and had medical
6 personnel attempt to resuscitate him. (*Id.* at ¶¶61-62) Unfortunately, Sommer could not be
7 resuscitated, and he passed away.

B. ALLEGATIONS REGARDING LVMPD'S POLICIES AND TRAINING.

The Complaint alleges the City of Las Vegas has failed to adopt policies and training to protect individuals such as Sommer. (Compl. at ¶¶69-79) The Complaint implies the City of Las Vegas is responsible for LVMPD's officers and training. This is incorrect. LVMPD is a consolidated law enforcement agency formed by Nev. Rev. Stat. § 280.010. Thus, the City of Las Vegas is not responsible for the acts of LVMPD employees - LVMPD is. (It is anticipated the City of Las Vegas will file its own motion to dismiss.)

Assuming the Complaint’s allegations apply to LVMPD, the plaintiff alleges that, despite knowing LVMPD officers would come into contact with mentally ill individuals and individuals in medical distress, LVMPD knew its officers would likely use excessive force and still failed to “implement appropriate training and policies.” (*Id.* at ¶¶75-76) The Complaint offers no specific supporting facts.

III. MOTION TO DISMISS LEGAL STANDARD

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6), a complaint may be dismissed for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. Dismissal for failure to state a claim is a question of law, *Jackson v. Southern California Gas Co.*, 881 F.2d 638, 641 (9th Cir. 1989), and is appropriate when a “plaintiff can prove no set of facts in support of his claim which would entitle him to relief.” *Abramson v. Brownstein*, 897 F.2d 389, 391 (9th

² In Nevada, officers can take non-criminal suspects into custody if it is determined that probable cause exists that the individual is a danger to himself or others and/or requires medical care. *See Nev. Rev. Stat. § 433A.160.*

1 Cir. 1990) (quoting *Gibson v. United States*, 781 F.2d 1334, 1337 (9th Cir. 1986)). The
 2 Supreme Court has addressed the minimum standards a complaint must meet to withstand a
 3 motion to dismiss under FRCP 12(b)(6), when measured against the pleading requirements
 4 set by FRCP 8(a)(2). “While a complaint attacked by Rule 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss does
 5 not need detailed factual allegations...a plaintiff is obligated to provide the ‘grounds’ of his
 6 ‘entitle[ment] to relief’ [under Rule 8(a)(2), it] requires more than labels and conclusions,
 7 and a formulaic recitation of the elements of a cause of action will not do....” *Bell Atlantic*
 8 *Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 555 (2007) (quoting FRCP 8; first set of original brackets
 9 in original). The Court extended the pleading requirements articulated in *Twombly*, an anti-
 10 trust case, to all cases. *See Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 663 (2009). As a result,
 11 “[f]actual allegations must be enough to raise a right to relief above the speculative
 12 level...on the assumption that all the allegations in the complaint are true (even if doubtful
 13 in fact).” *Id.*

14 To satisfy FRCP 8(a)(2), a plaintiff must plead “enough facts to state a claim to relief
 15 that is plausible on its face.” *Twombly*, 550 U.S. at 570. “A claim has facial plausibility
 16 when the plaintiff pleads factual content that allows the court to draw the reasonable
 17 inference that the defendant is liable for the misconduct alleged.” *Iqbal*, 556 U.S. at 677-78.
 18 “Where a complaint pleads facts that are merely consistent with a defendant’s liability, it
 19 stops short of the line between possibility and plausibility of entitlement to relief.” *Id.*
 20 (internal quotations and citations omitted). While a court must accept all allegations as true,
 21 that tenant “is inapplicable to legal conclusions. Threadbare recitals of the elements of a
 22 cause of action, supported by mere conclusory statements, do not suffice.” *Id.* Ultimately,
 23 Rule 8 “does not unlock the doors of discovery for a plaintiff armed with nothing more than
 24 mere conclusions.” *Id.* Dismissal is proper where there is either a “lack of a cognizable legal
 25 theory” or “the absence of sufficient facts alleged under a cognizable legal theory.” *Balisteri*
 26 *v. Pacifica Police Department*, 901 F.2d 696, 699 (9th Cir. 1990).

1 **IV. LEGAL ARGUMENT**2 **A. SHERIFF MCMAHILL MUST BE DISMISSED.**3 Plaintiff is suing LVMPD's current-Sheriff Kevin McMahill. Sheriff McMahill is
4 only mentioned in one paragraph:5 11. Defendant, SHERIFF KEVIN McMAHILL ("Sheriff McMahill"),
6 was and is a resident of the State of Nevada, County of Clark, and the sheriff
7 of LVMPD. He is sued in his individual and official capacity in his role as a
8 policy maker of LVMPD as it relates to Plaintiffs' claims. Upon information
9 and belief, Sheriff McMahill is the primary decision maker responsible for all
10 policy, practice, procedures, supervision, and training for LVMPD.11 There are no allegations Sheriff McMahill was personally involved in the subject
12 incident. Sheriff McMahill must be dismissed for three reasons.13 First, the Complaint makes clear that Sheriff McMahill is being sued simply because
14 he is the sheriff of LVMPD. However, Sheriff McMahill *was not* the sheriff of LVMPD on
15 the date of the incident. He did not assume the office until January 2, 2023. *See*
16 <https://www.lvmpd.com/en-us/Pages/Sheriff-Kevin-McMahill.aspx>. The current Governor
17 of the State of the Nevada Joseph Lombardo was the sheriff of LVMPD on the date of the
18 incident.19 Second, the official capacity claims against the Sheriff are duplicative of plaintiff's
20 claims against LVMPD because "a suit against a governmental official in his official
21 capacity is equivalent to a suit against the governmental entity itself." *Larez v. Los Angeles*,
22 946 F.2d 630, 645 (9th Cir. 1991). The real party in such suits is the entity, and it is the
23 entity that will be responsible for any damages. *Ward v. City of Sparks*, 2011 WL 587153 at
24 *4 (D. Nev. Jan. 12, 2011). Indeed, the Supreme Court has held that "[t]here is no longer a
25 need to bring official-capacity actions against local government officials, for under *Monell* .
26 . . local government units can be sued directly for damages and injunctive or declaratory
27 relief." *Kentucky v. Graham*, 473 U.S. 159, 167 n. 14 (1985). Further, with respect to
plaintiff's state law claims, "[n]o action may be brought against . . . [a] sheriff . . . which is
based solely upon any act or omission of an officer of the department." *See* Nev. Rev. Stat. §
41.0335(1)(a) and (b).MARQUIS AURBACH
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1 Third, plaintiff's individual claims against Sheriff McMahill must be dismissed.
 2 Under §1983, supervisory officials are not liable for the actions of subordinates on any
 3 theory of vicarious liability. *Pembaur v. City of Cincinnati*, 475 U.S. 469, 479 (1986); *see*
 4 *also Taylor v. List*, 880 F.2d 1040, 1045 (9th Cir. 1989) “A supervisor is only liable for
 5 constitutional violations of his subordinates if the supervisor participated in or directed the
 6 violation or knew of the violations and failed to act to prevent them. There is no respondeat
 7 superior liability under Section 1983.”). A supervisor may only be held liable if there exists
 8 either: (1) his or her personal involvement in the constitutional deprivation; or (2) a
 9 sufficient causal connection between the supervisor's wrongful conduct and the
 10 constitutional violation. *Hansen v. Black*, 885 F.2d 642, 646 (9th Cir. 1989). The Ninth
 11 Circuit defined the contours of individual liability when it stated that a plaintiff cannot hold
 12 an officer liable because of his membership in a group without showing individual
 13 participation in the unlawful conduct. *Chuman v. Wright*, 76 F.3d 292, 294 (9th Cir. 1996).
 14 In other words, group liability requires that a plaintiff first establish the “integral
 15 participation” of the officers in the alleged constitutional violation. *Jones v. Williams*,
 16 297 F.3d 930, 934 (9th Cir. 2002). Here, there are no allegations that even suggest Sheriff
 17 McMahill participated in, directed, or knew of the subject events. In fact, the only factual
 18 reference to Sheriff McMahill is the fact that he is being sued.

19 **B. THE OFFICIAL CAPACITY CLAIMS AGAINST THE INDIVIDUAL
 20 OFFICERS MUST BE DISMISSED.**

21 Plaintiff is suing Sergeant Bagapor, Sergeant Blum, Officer Garcia, and Officer
 22 Ortega in both their individual and official capacities. (Compl. at ¶¶14, 17, 20, 23) As set
 23 forth above, “a suit against a governmental official in his official capacity is equivalent to a
 24 suit against the governmental entity itself.” *Larez*, 946 F.2d at 645. Thus, the official
 25 capacity claims must be dismissed as duplicative of the claims against LVMPD.

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1 **C. PLAINTIFF'S MONELL CLAIMS MUST BE DISMISSED.**

2 Plaintiff's Complaint includes three separate *Monell* claims against LVMPD. First,
 3 plaintiff alleges in her second cause of action LVMPD "failed to properly train or modify
 4 their training" in the appropriate use of force. (Compl. at ¶91) Second, plaintiff's fourth
 5 cause of action redundantly alleges that LVMPD, pursuant to § 1983, has a custom and
 6 practice of failing train and supervise its employees. (*Id.* at ¶¶108-114) Third, plaintiff's
 7 fifth cause of action alleges LVMPD "maintained, enforced, tolerated, ratified, permitted,
 8 acquiesced in, and/or failed to created policies, practices or trainings" regarding use of force.

9 **1. Relevant Monell law.**

10 In *Monell v. Dep't of Social Services*, the Supreme Court held that when a municipal
 11 policy of some nature is the cause of the unconstitutional actions taken by municipal
 12 employees, the municipality itself will be liable. 436 U.S. 658 (1978). Liability only exists
 13 where the unconstitutional action "implements or executes a policy statement, ordinance,
 14 regulation, or decision officially adopted and promulgated" by municipal officers, or where
 15 the constitutional deprivation is visited pursuant to governmental "custom" even though
 16 such a "custom" has not received formal approval. *Monell*, 436 U.S. at 690-91. The Court
 17 defined "custom" as "persistent and widespread discriminatory practices by state officials."
 18 *Id.* at 691 (citing *Adickes v. S.H. Dress & Co.*, 398 U.S. 144, 167-68 (1970)).

19 The doctrine of respondeat superior does not apply to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 claims
 20 against municipalities. *Pembaur v. City of Cincinnati*, 475 U.S. 469, 478 (1986) (citing
 21 *Monell*, 436 U.S. at 691). In other words, municipal liability is not established merely by
 22 showing that a municipal employee committed a constitutional tort while within the scope of
 23 employment. *Id.* at 478-79. For liability to attach to a municipality, a plaintiff must establish
 24 that the wrongful act complained of was somehow caused by the municipality. *Monell*, 436
 25 U.S. at 691-95. Such liability can be imposed only for injuries inflicted pursuant to a
 26 governmental "policy or custom." *Monell*, 436 U.S. at 694. In addition, there must be shown
 27 to be an affirmative link between the policy or custom and the particular constitutional
 28 violation alleged. *City of Oklahoma City v. Tuttle*, 471 U.S. 808, 823 (1985). The alleged

1 policy or custom must be the “moving force” for the constitutional violation in order to
 2 establish liability under §1983. *Polk County v. Dodson*, 454 U.S. 312, 326 (1981) (citing
 3 *Monell*, 436 U.S. at 694). Causation must be specific to the violation alleged, meaning that
 4 merely proving an unconstitutional policy, practice, or custom, however loathsome, will not
 5 establish liability unless the specific injury alleged relates to the specific unconstitutional
 6 policy proved. *Board of County Comm’rs of Bryan City, Oklahoma vs. Brown*, 520 U.S.
 7 397, 404 (1997). Once each of these elements are met, a plaintiff must further prove that the
 8 unconstitutional policy that caused his injury was the result of something more than mere
 9 negligence on the part of the municipality, and was instead the result of “deliberate
 10 indifference” - a state of mind that requires a heightened level of culpability, even more than
 11 mere “indifference.” *Id.* at 411. In fact, the *Monell* standard for municipal liability has been
 12 interpreted as more restrictive than “common law restrict[ions] [on] private employers’
 13 liability for punitive damages.” *See* David Jacks Achtenburg, Taking History Seriously:
 14 Municipal Liability Under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and the Debate Over Respondeat Superior, 73
 15 Fordham L. Rev. 2183, 2191 (2005). Proof of a single incident is insufficient to establish a
 16 custom or policy. *Tuttle*, 471 U.S. at 821.

17 The Ninth Circuit has outlined two principles relevant to deciding whether a *Monell*
 18 pleading is sufficient under *Twombly* and *Iqbal*. *See Starr v. Baca*, 652 F.3d 1202, 1212-16
 19 (9th Cir. 2011); *see AE ex rel. Hernandez v. Cnty. of Tulare*, 666 F.3d 631, 637 (9th Cir.
 20 2012) (extending the reasoning in *Starr* to *Monell* claims).

21 First, to be entitled to the presumption of truth, allegations in a complaint or
 22 counterclaim may not simply recite the elements of a cause of action, but
 23 must contain sufficient allegations of underlying facts to give fair notice and
 24 to enable the opposing party to defend itself effectively. Second, the factual
 allegations that are taken as true must plausibly suggest an entitlement to
 relief, such that it is not unfair to require the opposing party to be subjected to
 the expense of discovery and continued litigation.

25 *Starr*, 652 F.3d at 1212-16.

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2. **Plaintiff has failed to plead sufficient claims to support a failure to train and supervise claim.**

To establish a claim for relief for failure to train or supervise, the plaintiff must show: “(1) that he possessed a constitutional right of which he was deprived; (2) that the municipality had a policy; (3) that this policy ‘amounts to deliberate indifference’ to the plaintiff’s constitutional right; and (4) that the policy is the ‘moving force behind the constitutional violation.’” *City of Canton v. Harris*, 489 U.S. 378, 389-91 (1989). “Deliberate indifference is a stringent standard of fault, requiring proof that municipal actor disregarded a known or obvious consequence of his action.” *Connick v. Thompson*, 563 U.S. 51, 61 (2011) (quotation omitted). A plaintiff can establish deliberate indifference by demonstrating that either “[a] pattern of similar constitutional violations by untrained employees” exists or “the unconstitutional consequences of failing to train” are “so patently obvious that a city could be liable … without proof a pre-existing pattern of violations.” *Id.* at 62-64. The latter showing, called “single-incident liability,” is “rare” and occurs only “in a narrow range of circumstances.” *Id.* at 63-64.

Here, all of plaintiff’s allegations only involve the Sommer incident. Plaintiff offers nothing more than conclusory allegations that an officer who lacks training to handle the scenarios presented here would violate a plaintiff’s constitutional rights. *See Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 678-79 (2009) (holding that mere recitals of a claims elements, supported by only conclusory statements, are insufficient to state a claim for relief). Generally, a single act by a non-policy-making official does not show the existence of a policy, custom, or practice. *Rivera v. Cnty. of Los Angeles*, 745 F.3d 384, 389 (9th Cir. 2014). “Only if a plaintiff shows that his injury resulted from a ‘permanent and well settled’ practice may liability attach for injury resulting from a local government custom.” *McDade v. West*, 223 F.3d 1135, 1141 (9th Cir. 2000) (citation omitted).

1 **D. PLAINTIFF'S STATE LAW NEGLIGENT SUPERVISION AND**
 2 **TRAINING CLAIM MUST BE DISMISSED.**

3 Plaintiff's ninth cause of action alleges negligent supervision and training under
 4 Nevada state law. (Compl. at ¶¶138-142) The LVMPD Defendants are immune under Nev.
 5 Rev. Stat. § 41.032 from this claim.

6 Nevada has generally waived its sovereign immunity, *see* Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.032,
 7 but it has retained its immunity for state officials exercising discretion. *See id.*; *see also*
 8 *Carey v. Nevada Gaming Control Bd.*, 279 F.3d 873, 878 (9th Cir. 2002). A person cannot
 9 maintain an action against an officer or employee of Nevada “[b]ased upon the exercise or
 10 performance or the failure to exercise or perform a discretionary function or duty on the part
 11 of the State or any of its agencies . . . or of any officer . . . whether or not the discretion
 12 involved is abused.” Nev. Rev. Stat. § 41.032(2) (emphasis added). Recently, the Nevada
 13 Supreme Court confirmed that LVMPD’s decisions with respect to hiring, training, and
 14 supervision are discretionary and protected by Nevada’s discretionary-immunity statute.
 15 *Paulos v. FCH1*, 136 Nev. 18, 26 (2020); *see also* *Wells v. City of Las Vegas*, 2022 WL
 16 4625988, *3-4 (D. Nev. 2022) (collecting cases).

17 **V. CONCLUSION**

18 Based upon the above, this Motion requests that the Court:

- 19 1. Dismiss Sheriff Kevin McMahill from the lawsuit.
- 20 2. Dismiss all official capacity claims against the named LVMPD officers.
- 21 3. Dismiss plaintiff’s *Monell* claims.
- 22 4. Dismiss plaintiff’s state-law negligent supervision and training claims.

23 Plaintiff has pled sufficient facts to move forward with discovery on the following
 24 claims:

- 25 1. Sommer’s Estate’s § 1983 Fourth Amendment excessive force claim against
 26 the individual officers.
- 27 2. Sommer’s Estate’s § 1983 Fourteenth Amendment familial relationship claim
 28 against the individual officers.

3. Plaintiff's state law negligence-based claims (sans the negligent supervision and training claims) against the Defendants.

4. Plaintiff's state law wrongful death claims against the Defendants.

5. Plaintiff's Nevada state constitutional claims against the Defendants.

Dated this 7th day of November, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I electronically filed the foregoing **DEFENDANTS LVMPD, SHERIFF KEVIN MCMAHILL, SGT. BAGAPORO, SGT. BLUM, OFC. GARCIA AND OFC. ORTEGA'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL DISMISSAL** with the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court by using the court's CM/ECF system on the 7th day of November, 2023.

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